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TITLE: GOLF PUTTING TRAINING DEVICE

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 16 (canceled). These claims are canceled by the present amendment.

17. (new) A training device for use with a putter by a golfer for improving putting technique, the putter having a shaft and a head affixed to a lower end of the shaft, the device comprising:

a linear elongate member having a first end and at least one second end;

a first collar secured to said first end of said elongate member, said first collar having a first bored projecting portion extending therefrom;

a releasable clamping means comprising a partially annular second collar with a first hand-operated screw for tightening and releasing said collar, said clamping means further comprising a second bored projecting portion extending from said second collar and secured to said first bored projecting portion, said elongate member being rotatable relative to said first collar, said clamping means for locking said elongate member in a desired angular position by a second hand-operated screw; and

a contacting means for contacting a portion of the body of the golfer, said contacting means comprising a ball attached to said second end of said elongate member, said elongate member extending for a predetermined distance, said first and second hand-operated screws being

independently adjustable, said releasable clamping means for detachably connecting said elongate member to the shaft and such that said elongate member extends upwardly away from the shaft at a predetermined angle, said contacting means for contacting the portion of the body of the golfer such that said contacting means remains in contact with the portion of the body when the golfer executes a desired putting stroke and such that said contacting means is out of the position of contact with the body when the golfer executes a non-desired putting stroke.

18. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said ball being formed of a resilient material.

19. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said elongate member being telescopic.

20. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said elongate member being a tube having a single second end.

21. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said elongate member being a rod having a single second end.

22. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said elongate member having a pair of second ends, said contacting means attached to each of said pair of second ends.

23. (new) The training device of Claim 17, said ball being removably affixed to said second end of said elongate member.